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22 APRIL 2016

Dear Neighbors,

At the April 19th Village Board meeting, the Village Board approved a spending plan for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2016 and took a look at projected expenditures four additional years into the future. This five-year budget helps the Village anticipate potential funding issues down the road and identify where corrections are necessary.

The total expenditure budget of \$21.7 million for all funds is approximately \$1.0 million less than the prior



year. The main operating fund – the General Fund which includes the Police Department and Street Division of Public Works among other services – shows revenues of \$9.14 million, re-appropriations for incomplete projects from the prior year of \$137,500, and expenditures of \$9.27 million leading to a balanced budget. In total, the expenditure budget declines \$382,000 from the prior year. The budget includes moving one sworn supervisory position back onto the street in a patrol officer capacity and the addition of customer service personnel at the Police Department. Several vehicles and pieces of equipment are scheduled to be replaced to keep repair costs low and services effective and efficient. The Village also included \$15,000 for a parkway tree replacement program to assist those areas hardest hit by the Emerald Ash Borer.

The Water and Sewer Fund is also projected to show positive fund balances for the planning



period. Funds have been included in the Water Sewer Fund for the repainting of the elevated storage tank #1 (downtown behind the Fire Station), some equipment upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant, and a refurbishment of a lift station to schedule improvements rather than wait for maintenance issues to force our hand. The Lake Michigan Water project efforts will also continue with funds earmarked for both our internal system improvements as well as the shared costs with Volo to bring the water to our communities from the east.

From a five-year perspective, operations are expected to be



balanced with a commitment of resources to the Capital Projects Fund for street and infrastructure improvements. The difficult decisions we have made over the past several years have helped to set the organization on a good financial course. The final budget document

detailing the spending plan should be available in a few weeks and will be posted on the Village website.

In conjunction with the budget, we also approved the Village's first five-year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). With widespread capital needs and limited financial resources, capital planning allows the Village to address the current and long-term needs of the residents. The CIP is an essential part of the planning process on how these improvements will be scheduled and funded and in continuing the effective and efficient delivery of services. The CIP document will be included on our Village website within the next few days. I invite you to review these two documents to see where your tax dollars are being put to use.

**Callahan Road Repairs.** On Friday, March 25th, the Public Works Department noticed an issue with the pavement on

Callahan Road approximately one half mile east of Old Rand Road where the culverts cross under the roadway. Deteriorating culverts and erosion undermined the pavement base resulting in a collapse and hazardous conditions for vehicular traffic. The roadway was closed shortly thereafter for public safety reasons.



Earlier this week following the preparation of engineering specifications and gaining regulatory agency approval, an emergency work order was issued to Glenbrook Excavation of Wauconda to repair the culverts and pavement. If weather allows, the repairs should be complete within a couple of weeks and the roadway will be re-opened to through traffic.

An announcement will be made on the Village's website and Facebook page when the road is re-opened.

### Ask The Mayor

#### Question:

Mayor Bart, I have noticed that most all of the trees along 176 between Mundelein and Wauconda have been cut down. I understood that last year many trees were thinned out because of disease. But this recent tree removal seems excessive. Lakewood forest preserve no longer resembles a forest. Is there a reason so many more trees have been removed?

#### Answer:

The Lakewood Forest Preserve is managed by the Lake County Forest Preserve District which is separate from the Village. However, staff contacted the District for a response and the following is a condensed, paraphrased version of their response.



At the Lakewood Forest Preserve, we (the District) are restoring open savanna and woodland habitat. These native communities were historically present throughout Lakewood but were lost due to numerous factors including the spread of invasive species and agricultural conversion. Prior to the District undertaking this restorative work, many of the wooded areas were characterized by thickets of woody invasive species (primarily buckthorn and honeysuckle) and dense tree canopies of fast growing, early successional trees that often dominate in disturbed areas. By removing the woody invasive and early successional species, we are allowing more light to reach the understory for native grasses, sedges, forbs and new young oaks to grow. Fortunately, there are still areas with beautiful mature oak and black cherry trees and these trees have not been disturbed. Following initial clearing, the District plans to expand the restoration of these woodlands through future planting of native trees and shrubs as needed.

### Job Fair



NOW HIRING!

Job Fair at Wauconda Village Hall

Saturday, April 23rd

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Hiring for the following locations: Buffalo Grove, Gurnee, Lake Zurich, Vernon Hills.

Interviews conducted on a first come, first serve basis.

## Pancake Breakfast

**LAKES YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

— ALL YOU CAN EAT —

# **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**FUNDRAISING EVENT**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**  
**8AM - 11AM**  
**WAUCONDA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**555 N. MAIN STREET**

**FREE / UNDER 3**  
**\$5 / CHILD (3-12)**  
**\$8 / ADULT**



**SILENT AUCTION**  
**SPIRIT WEAR**  
**RAFFLE**  
**DECALS**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CONTACT JENN AT LYAAPREVENTS@GMAIL.COM**

**WWW.LYAA.ORG**



## Arbor Day





11th Annual

# ARBOR DAY

Tree, Shrub & Flower Sale

Saturday, May 7th  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Acres Group Parking Lot  
610 W. Liberty Street  
Wauconda

Fun for Kids!  
Petting Zoo  
Face Painting  
Moonwalk

FREE  
Curbside Delivery  
for Wauconda  
Residents!  
Wholesale prices  
No warranty

Sponsored By



Working in conjunction with the Village of Wauconda and Acres Group, the Wauconda Area Chamber of Commerce co-hosts an annual Arbor Day Sale to help bring back trees and beautify the Wauconda area community.

For information contact the Wauconda Area Chamber of Commerce

847-526-5580 [info@waucondachamber.org](mailto:info@waucondachamber.org)

[www.waucondaareachamber.org](http://www.waucondaareachamber.org)

Big Bang Golf Outing



## 7th Annual Wauconda Fireworks Fund Big Bang Golf Outing



Hosted by:  
**PRAIRIE ISLE**  
GOLF CLUB  
2216 Route 176, Prairie View, IL

**Wednesday, June 15, 2016 ~ 10:00 am Shotgun Start**

**18 Holes of Golf with a Cart & Grilled Lunch, plus After-Golf Raffles**

**\$360 per foursome ~ register today to reserve your spot!**

*The Village is raising funds for its annual fireworks celebration. Support this community event by joining us for an afternoon of golf and socializing*

**Can't get away but want to contribute?... Sponsor, donate, or supply a raffle prize!**

### 2016 WAUCONDA FIREWORKS FUND GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM

*Submit registration and payment to: Wauconda Building & Zoning Department, 109 W. Bangs Street, Wauconda, IL 60084*

Company/Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (You will receive all future notices and instructions via e-mail)

#### PRINT PLAYER NAMES:

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Check all that apply:

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ x \$360 per Foursome = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ x \$90 per Single = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **\$1000 Event Co-Sponsor:** You name it! Call to design your perfect customized marketing package.

☐ **\$350 Lunch Sponsor:** Sponsor sign at the patio grill, logo in the program and on the lunch ticket. Marketing material on patio.

☐ **\$150 Hole Contest Sponsor:** 6 contests; male & female longest drive, longest put, & closest to the pin. Sponsor sign at the tee. Recognition in program and with contest winner.

☐ **\$125 Hole Oasis Sponsor:** Your in-person marketing or game at a tee of your choice. First come, first pick.

☐ **\$100 Hole Sign Sponsor:** Sponsor sign at a random tee.

☐ **\$50 Bag Insert Sponsor:** Your marketing item in goodie bags.

☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CASH donation to the Fireworks Fund.

☐ **Raffle Prize Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Goodie Bag Gift:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(snacks, water, gifts, non alcoholic items)

• All raffle prize donations should have a minimum \$50 value.

• All golf sponsors and donors are posted on the Village website and published in the outing program.

• Please deliver inserts/prizes to **109 W. Bangs Street, Wauconda.**

• E-mail logos in 300 dpi jpeg format to [BZ@wauconda-il.gov](mailto:BZ@wauconda-il.gov). All logos due by **June 1st**. Inserts and donations due by **June 10th**.

• Cash fireworks fund donations of \$1000 or more are also posted on a large sponsor board on Main Street in front of Village Hall.

For more details please contact:  
Deb Ogorzaly at 847-526-9609,  
or [BZ@wauconda-il.gov](mailto:BZ@wauconda-il.gov)



► Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to: Village of Wauconda

SWALCO Press Release



**PRESS RELEASE**

Date: April 15, 2016

Contact: Walter Willis, Executive Director, 847-377-4951

**SWALCO Board Approves Funding for Electronics Recycling Program**

After voting at an emergency meeting on March 3, 2016 to close its five remaining collection sites effective May 1, 2016, the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) Board of Directors reversed that decision at its April 14 meeting. The concern over the lack of recycling options for residents, and the need for more time to try to amend the State law prompted over 15 Lake County units of local government to donate the approximately \$62,000 needed to keep the program operating for the rest of this year.

"The Board is in a tough position, we are committed to recycling electronics and our residents have responded to create the most successful program in the State, but we are also faced with costs we never expected to have to pay for," said SWALCO Chairman Larry Mount, a Round Lake Beach trustee. Mount added, "This voluntary funding provided by my village and others will keep the program running through the end of the year and the five collection sites have committed to stay open."

According to Walter Willis, SWALCO Executive Director, "The Village of Grayslake was really the leader for this effort by starting the discussion on keeping the program going and offering a \$20,000 contribution to fund it." Willis added, "Long term the SWALCO Board will have to weigh its options for next year and beyond, we are working hard to amend the law and also to provide alternative collection options through the municipal hauling contracts in case the effort to amend the law is not successful."

The SWALCO Board of Directors next meeting is in June and at that time it will know whether the effort to amend the Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act was successful. If not, SWALCO will have to decide what role it will play in the long term collection of electronics. Under the State law, local government is not required to provide collection services, but since the law was first implemented in 2010 numerous county and municipal governments have provided collection services and residents have relied on those programs to comply with the law which bans TVs, printers, computers and 15 other devices from the landfill.

For at least the remainder of the year, Lake County residents should continue to use the five collection sites located in Waukegan, Highland Park, Grayslake, Grant Township and Cuba Township. Information on the location and hours for the collection sites can be found on the website, [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org).

"SWALCO will continue to evaluate its options to sustain this very successful recycling program, and do its best to keep the public informed about the status of the program," Willis said.

**The next meeting is Tuesday,  
May 3rd, 2016 at 7:00 PM at  
Village Hall, 101 N. Main Street.**



**Take care and God Bless,**

**Frank**

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